## **Upgrades to ECF**

The District of Minnesota upgraded it's ECF software to Version 2.2 on Monday, November 1, 2004. Filers will notice some changes as a result of this upgrade. For a complete, detailed list of enhancements please read the document link provided.

Some highlights of the upgrade include:

- If a document is too large (over 2 MB) and you are trying to file the document as an attachment in ECF, you may not get the pop-up message indicating that the document is too large. (Esp. if pop-up windows are blocked.) Instead the document just won't attach when the "Add to List" button is clicked.
- The hyperlinks in the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) now expire after 15 days as opposed to the 30 days allowed before the upgrade.
- A new report was added to the "Reports" feature in PACER. The report is called the Docket Activity Report (DAR). This report will provide a listing of everything that was filed in cases for which you are an attorney of record for a given date range. This report is different from the Transaction Log in Utilities which only provides information regarding filings done under your login and password. Also, the Transaction Log is free through ECF, but you will be charged the standard PACER fee for the Docket Activity Report.
- When filing for the first time in a case, a screen appears with checkboxes allowing attorneys to add themselves to a case and associate themselves with their client. Two new checkboxes that will appear in this screen are lead attorney (Lead) and noticing (Notice) checkboxes. The Notice box should remain checked in order for the attorney to be listed on the NEF and to receive e-mail notices. If the Notice box is unchecked, the attorney will not be listed on the NEF and will not be served by ECF or the court.